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SUBJ: W/W (LALEB GINYARD)

REF: STATE 177689

FOR MRS GRACE GASTON  
(ADDRESS NOT GIVEN IN REFERENCE)

IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT WE MUST INFORM YOU OF  
THE DEATH ON AUG 11, 1978 OF MR KALEB GINYARD.  
MRS S.A. SKELTON AT SPERRSTRASSE 48, BASEL SWITZERLAND  
INFORMED THE EMBASSY IN BERN SWITZERLAND ON AUG 11, 1978 OF  
HIS DEATH FROM CANCER.

IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY MR SKELTON.

WE STAND READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN. IT IS  
UNFORTUNATE AT THIS SAD TIME THAT WE MUST ALSO IMMEDIATELY  
CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE URGENT NEED FOR MAKING NECESSARY  
ARRANGEMENTS. SWISS LAWS REQUIRE A DECISION  
REGARDING INTERNMENT TO BE MADE WITHIN 48 HOURS. MOST AMERICANS  
WHO DIE ABROAD ARE BURIED ABROAD. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO HAVE  
BURIAL TAKE PLACE IN BASEL, SWITZERLAND, THE CONSULAR OFFICER  
AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WILL TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE CARE TO FOLLOW  
YOUR WISHES AS TO CEREMONY AND SITE OF BURIAL.

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THE COST FOR BURIAL IN BASEL IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1280.

THE COST FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION OF ASHES IN  
BASEL IS APPROX DOLS 1180.

SHOULD YOU PREFER TO HAVE THE REMAINS RETURNED TO THE  
US FOR BURIAL, THE COSTS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER

DUE TO HIGH COST OF AIR FREIGHT AND EMBALMING.

THE TOTAL COST FOR PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT IS  
APPROX DOLS 4420 TO THE EAST COAST, DOLS 4350 TO THE MID-WEST,  
AND DOLS 5120 TO THE WESTERN USA.

THE COST FOR CREMATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF ASHES IS  
APPROX DOLS 1030.

WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF  
REMAINS IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF AND  
FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN SWITZERLAND AND IN MOST CASES THE SERVICES  
FALL SHORT OF THOSE EXPECTED IN THE US. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT  
YOUR HOME TOWN FUNERAL DIRECTOR BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THE  
ADVISABILITY OF VIEWING THE REMAINS.

AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE  
FOLLOWING ACTIONS: A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY  
AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY BERN SWITZERLAND AND INCLUDE  
THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED,  
INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE US FUNERAL HOME. B) IN A  
SEPARATE TELEGRAM SEND REQUIRED FUNDS VIA WESTERN UNION MONEY  
ORDER TO DEPT OF STATE, SCS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, INCLUDING  
NAME OF DECEASED,  
FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BERN SWITZERLAND.  
THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR YOU SELECT MAY BE ABLE  
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TO OFFER YOU GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE. FOR ANY FURTHER  
INFO YOU MAY REQUIRE, TELEPHONE DEPT OF STATE,  
SCS, WASHDC, TELEPHONE (202) 632-1423 OR 632-2172 DURING  
THE HOURS OF 9:00 AM AND 5:30 PM EST. AFTER THAT TIME,  
(202) 655-4000.

UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS  
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.  
DUE TO THE NUMBER AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY  
THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE A THREE DAY INTERVAL  
BETWEEN RECEIPT OF FUNDS AND SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS.

THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF ALL  
PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WRITE FOR YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO THEIR  
DISPOSITION.

8. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, (USUALLY SIX TO  
EIGHT WEEKS), A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED  
BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU. THIS DOCUMENT  
IS BASED ON THE SWISS DEATH CERTIFICATE AND CAN BE  
USED IN THE US COURTS TO SETTLE ESTATE MATTERS.

AFTER ALL THE MORTICIAN AND AIRLINES BILLS HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED AND PAID, YOU WILL BE SENT AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNTING  
OF FINAL COSTS AND ANY BALANCE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE  
DEPOSITOR OF THE FUNDS.

IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF  
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BY PHONING 43 00 19  
IN BERN SWITZERLAND.

MAY I EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN YOUR  
BEREAVEMENT. AMERICAN EMBASSY BERN SWITZERLAND.  
CROWLEY

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